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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peirson et al.

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Before the Examiner: Scott S. Trotter

Title: ONLINE SETTLEMENT STATEMENT AND FUNDING

CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD

AMENDMENT CONCURRENT WITH APPLICANTS' REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Concurrent with this Amendment, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the present Application. In this Amendment, Applicants respond as follows.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.